

**Rule Development Agenda
July - December 2006**

The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period.

1. **Northern Spotted Owl.** The Board will consider permanent rule adoption on August 9, 2006 for Northern Spotted Owl habitat conservation in WAC 222-10-041 and WAC 222-16-010.
2. **Perennial Initiation Point.** The Board will consider initiating permanent rule making on August 9, 2006 that eliminates the default basin sizes in WAC 222-16-030 and 222-16-031.
3. **Desired Future Condition.** The Board is considering amending chapter 222-30 WAC related to desired future condition performance targets in riparian management zones.
4. **Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly.** The Board is considering amending WAC 222-16-080 to provide habitat protection to the recent state listing of the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly.
5. **Long Term Permitting.** The Board is considering amending chapters 222-12 and 222-20 WAC that would allow small forest landowners to develop long term plans that would gain approved forest practices applications/notifications for a term of 15 years.
6. **Notice to Comply.** The Board is considering amending rules that would create a mechanism for landowner requested amendments to approved forest practices and clarify the use of the "Notice to Comply" tool to only document violations.
7. **Historic Sites.** The Board is considering amending WAC 222-16-050 relating to Class IV-Special classifications to include historic sites as a SEPA trigger.
8. **Upland Wildlife.** The Board, with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, continues to conduct a comprehensive review of the forest practices rules and science for upland wildlife protection and development of cooperative management planning processes. This review and planning process, along with new species listings, and the designation of critical habitat, may result in a rule proposal.

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